

AAUW HILO BRANCH



Advancing equity for women & girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy & research.



NEWSLETTER

the co-prez says:

Aloha Hilo Branch

Our Aloha Lunch held August 26th at Linda Levine's lovely home was well attended and delicious!

Kristen and I carried on for a bit about all the things your Board of Directors has planned and would like to plan with additional assistance from our membership. Susan James outlines much of what we talked about in her missive to you.

Both Kristen and I are focused on bringing the AAUW message to Hilo and want to

emphasize the motto of "Promoting equity for Women and girls through advocacy, research, education and philanthropy" in our programming.

We really would like to pursue a Math/Science segment to our program. We have purchased some of the materials for the "Lets Read Math" program, but really need someone to step forward to chair this program. We have possibilities in 3 schools, so could use 3 chairs, one for each location., if that would make it a more doable project.

Promoting our scholarship Program by raising money for our grants is another big push. We will have the Hawaiian Canoe trips again this year, and will expand our Wine Tasting event from last year by inviting guests and trying to raise a bit of money in the process! In the Spring Carrie Blankfield will host the Auction and Judy Bevington will host our annual Garage Sale.

We hope to partner with UH-H again this year to celebrate Equity for Women. That is another role we would like someone to step forward and fill – liaising with UH-H on a regular basis.

As former State President I would like everyone to know that the State passed at their Annual Meeting in May on Maui One Member One Vote. The details still need to be worked out, but it will involve more of our members being aware of Statewide activities and participating in the voting process. While we had delegates, we could leave that to our delegates and have the full representation of our membership. Now unless each of us votes, we won't have full representation. We will do our best to keep you informed of statewide issues, and we hope you exercise your voting privileges. The first state meeting will be October 15th. We will be looking at program options to carry out across the state, as well as other ideas. If you have ideas that you think would enhance the statewide AAUW experience, please let either Kristen or myself know. Some possibilities will be to support financially a representative to the National Conference of Women Student Leaders held annually in Maryland. Another may be to participate in some Math/ Science activity in our Community.

Our Advocacy segments of our program are starting off with a bang. Kathy Frankovich, the former director of Polling for CBS News will speak with us on September 30th. Susan has sent evites, and Sheryl Rawson is hosting. We worked with the League of Women Voters to register voters in July prior to the difficult Primary election, and will do so again Oct. 6th and 8th in Hilo and

Pahoa. We also co-sponsored a Candidate's Forum in July learning about the Prosecuting Attorney candidates and Council candidates for the 2nd and 3rd Districts. In October we will again co-sponsor Forums in Volcano for the Prosecuting Attorney and State Representative for the 3rd District on October 15th and the race for Council District 6 on October 22nd. Volunteers for these events are welcome.

We are well on our way to a busy year of AAUW! If anyone has ideas of events or activities they would like us to pursue, please let Susan James know. She is our busy and capable Program Vice President! In case you don't know, our other officers are: Rosemarie Muller is Membership Vice President, Roberta Vangoethem is our Secretary and Lucy Maloney is our Treasurer. Toni Barnhart is our Newsletter editor. Susan Hicks leads our hikes; Sheryl Rawson keeps track of the Book Group; Helen Hemmes hosts the Great Decisions Group; and Phyllis Robinson and Jane Panek chair the Scholarship Committee. Linda Levine and Sheryl Rawson are our Historians. Donna Barr assists with Bylaws. Marianna Scheffer chairs Legal Advocacy.

By the way, Hawaii was recognized as a leader in Legal Advocacy Donations!

I think I have exhausted my allotted space.

Welcome to this year of AAUW,

Erica Johnson, Co-President

the co-prez says:

From Hilo AAUW Co President
Kristen M Troyer

The next 2 years co president position will be a life long learning event. I want to focus on the mission of equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. I am happy to be a part of the smart, passionate, and creative Hilo Community Branch. Together we can improve the lives of women and girls in our community with activities, programs and affiliations. I am looking forward to continue working collaboratively raising scholarship dollars aided by annual events such as Wine Tasting, Canoe Sailing, Tea and Auction, and Garage Sale.

While serving as Co President, I am attending HCC taking art - many years after receiving my BA in Math from UHH and MSE from Heritage College. I have recently married and retired from teaching. I raised 2 children and have 2 grandsons, and am currently developing a farm in Puna.



Program news & notes

Susan James gives us an update:

First of all, I'd like to comment on the well-attended (41 members & guests) Aloha Lunch on Aug. 26th at Linda Levine's lovely home in Hakalau. We welcomed 4 new members: Christine Copes, Susan Spence, Candace Wheeler & Diane Ferreira.

My job is to coordinate & help implement programs. Programs can be educational, social, fundraisers or any combination. If you have a program idea we would love to hear about it. The biggest problem is often a surfeit of ideas & a deficit of volunteers. So, if you have an idea, be prepared to help bring it to fruition by either heading the committee or at least be willing to work on it & recruit others. Send your ideas and volunteer spirit to me:

susan@jaycurlee.com.

Also, for all the programs I will be listing in the upcoming calendar we can use volunteers & possibly someone to "be in charge". **Please let me know which of these you would like to assist us with.**

Also, programs & events are a good way to introduce us to prospective members, and in many instances we will encourage you to bring guests.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 30th: Program: **Speaker:** Kathleen Frankovic, former Polling Director at CBS News. **Pot luck lunch.** Evite has been sent. RSVP if you haven't.

Oct. 27th: Fundraiser: **Hawaiian Voyaging Canoe rides** to be offered by reservation (\$50 for 45 minute ride). We have done this in the past & it has been very successful. We need help planning as well as help at the event and folks to pass out flyers at Imiloa on Sept. 29th at their Wayfinding & Navigation Festival.

Nov. 10th. Fundraiser: **Wine Tasting.** To be held at May Connie Banser's in Kea'au. We encourage you to bring spouses & guests. Evites to be sent.

Dec. 12th: **Holiday Party** at Judy Bevington's. Evite will be sent.

To raise money for our Scholarship Fund we plan to have a repeat of the very successful "Personal Services Auction" we had in 2009. Margaret Drake will be running this again & I will be sending a form to sign up with a service you would like to auction. Watch for it.

Jan. 26th: **Bi-Branch Lunch.** We will be hosting Kona Branch this year. Details will follow later. **I really need help on this one as I will be gone (mostly out of the country) from Jan. 3rd – Jan. 16th.** This will mainly involve making some phone calls in the next couple of months & getting info for me on sites & caterers. Some contacts provided. Contact me if you can help coordinate this.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

We often get requests for special interest groups (like Book Group & Great Decisions).

We are looking for someone who would enjoy being in charge of Special Interest Groups.

Some suggestions we have had (but are not limited to):

Movie Nights – possibly with dinner – followed by discussion

Travel night – where some of our well-traveled members speak about one of the exotic locales they have visited, prepare a native dish & perhaps show us native dress.

Girls' Night Out – self-explanatory

Attend **UHH Women's Volleyball** game(s) as a group. Monthly (or quarterly) **pupu & wine/cocktail evening** at different member's homes. (Kona Branch does this very successfully).

Gourmet Club – prepare & share gourmet meals.

Group News & Notes

Book Club

Our Hilo Chapter's Book Club continues to have great reads, fun meetings and good companionship. Each month we look forward to visiting another member's home where we discuss whichever book has been pre-selected for that month. Also, for the last several years we have enjoyed a book club retreat at which time we find a fun place to visit overnight (or for two nights) and not only discuss a book, or a topic, but enjoy the locale and other activities like hiking or shopping - depending on where we are. In recent years we've been to Kilauea Military Camp, Hawi, and Wood Valley.

As far as book selections, for the last couple of years we have tried to select the coming year's books at our December holiday meeting, when we also have a book grab bag/gift exchange and holiday fare. We usually come up with a great list for the next year, although occasionally that list is modified by one or two books, during the

course of the year. Here are the books for the remainder of this year and January. If you are interested contact me and I'll add you to the list for location changes and other information related to Book Club. Meetings are on the 2nd Sunday of the month and begin at 4:00 PM.

October 14 - **Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close** - by Jonathan Safran Foer;

November 11 - **Nothing with Strings: NPR's Beloved Holiday Stories** - by Bailey White; and
January 13 - **The Tiger's Wife** - by Tea Obreht.
Happy reading!

Sheryl Rawson
sherylhilo@gmail.com

Fun and Games

We've started up the GAMES program for those who love to play card and board games and enjoy some refreshments. Our last very successful afternoon was on June 2 at Dinnie Kysar's house in Hakalau. We contributed 25 cents for each game we played - to help support our Grants Program. The

next GAMES DAY will be on Saturday, October 20 from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. at Dinnie Kysar's house: 29-562 Chin Chuck Road, Hakalau (on Hwy. 19, turn mauka just past the 15 mile marker if you are coming from Hilo. Follow Chin Chuck Rd up 2.1 miles. House is on the right.) RSVP to Dinnie via email at cldymoon@hawaiiintel.net by October 17.

Hiking Group

Contact Susan Hicks for more information .
butterflysh@hawaiiintel.net

Great Discussions
Interested persons
contact Helen Hemmes at
935-6214 or via e-mail at
hemmesh@hawaiiintel.net.

Technology Group
Interested persons
contact Nina Buchanan:
ninab@hawaii.edu

Request for volunteers

As many of you know, we are doing a repeat of our very successful Hawaiian Voyaging Canoe fundraiser this year. It will be on Saturday Oct. 27th from 8:00am (1st ride) - 5:00pm (last ride at 4:00pm).

We only have one canoe this year & rides will depart on the hour beginning at 8:00. There will also be (as previously), demonstrations of knot tying, rope throwing and a video about Hawaiian navigation.

We are looking for volunteers for all phases of the operation beginning with help handing out flyers the Imiloa Wayfinding & Navigation Festival on Sept. 29th.

Here is what else we need help with and the time periods we need people on the 27th

SET UP: 7:00am - 8:00am

1st SHIFT: 8:00am - 12:00pm

2nd SHIFT: 12:00pm - 4:00pm

CLEAN UP: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Even if you can't work a full shift, let us know, we can probably fit you in.

WE ARE ALSO SEEKING THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES:

3 canopy tents

16 chairs

Refreshments: Cookies, coffee, water

If you are able to help with any of these things (working, supplies or both) please contact Kristen Troyer kmluning05@yahoo.com or cell 557-0003 and home 982-5661



Holiday Party update

Margaret Drake reminds us that as the holiday party approaches, please keep in mind the “personal services auction” and plan to participate.

Here are some thoughts on what you could auction off:

- Deliver to your house catered Thai (other) dinner for four.
- Make cuttings of plants and transplant them at your house.
- Surprise your spouse by arriving on his birthday and singing Happy Birthday.
- Shop for you one time from your list at KTA, or farmer’s market, etc.
- Deliver & pick-up at the airport.
- Pet sit for a weekend.
- Make a picnic for four and deliver to your favorite Eastside beach.
- Computer assistance
- Paddle board lesson
- Clean your refrigerator or oven

Margaret says:

I will call members in late November to solicit offerings you could make to the personal services auction if I have not heard from you.

Margaret can be reached at: mdrake@netdoor.com 967-7295.

Lucy Maloney reminds us:

Don’t forget to visit our website at www.aauwhilobranh.org
the new name of the website is a lot easier to remember.

AAUW EMAILS AND EVITES

By Susan James

You will notice that I send out most of the “mass mailings” about upcoming AAUW events (these come from a different email address). I do these as blind copies for security purposes. I also do the evites. **Please note:** When you receive an email notifying you of an evite you have 2 choices of ways to RSVP. If you click on YES, NO, OR MAYBE in the email itself it will take you to the evite online & there will be a pop-up window with a tab in the upper left corner that has your chosen reply (YES, NO or MAYBE). You still need to click REPLY in the lower right hand corner. If you click “view this invitation” in the email then you need to click on YES, NO or MAYBE just below the invitation itself & above “Message from Host”. Sorry to belabor this but people often believe they have replied & they have only “viewed”. Hang onto the original email so that if you need to change your reply you can click through to the evite site & click “change reply”. Also, if your email address changes please let me know!

Let's Read Math

Our AAUW branch has been exploring the possibility of having a “Let's Read Math” program in 1 – 3 locations from Hilo to Puna. We have already purchased some materials. It is a great program that uses reading to teach math concepts to young kids. We need a dedicated person to coordinate this program. Will that be you?? If you are interested you can find out more here: http://www.aauw.org/member_center/programs/upload/PIAB_LetsReadMath.pdf
Please contact Susan James (susan@jaycurlee.com) to volunteer.

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